

In a comparison of ground water remediation under the disposal alternatives, off-site disposal would be slightly more favorable for aquatic consultation species.

### **No Action Alternative**

No adverse effects on terrestrial species would be likely to occur at off-site disposal or borrow locations or along transportation routes under this alternative. No adverse impacts to terrestrial species would be likely to occur as a result of historical site operations (i.e., elevated contaminant concentrations in surface water). However, adverse impacts caused by historical site operations would continue to affect endangered fish species and critical habitat. This unmitigated effect would likely result in a long-term “take” and would not be consistent with USF&WS recovery plans.

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